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REFERENCE TO: GIANT REACH MISSION XA010,

EGYPTIAN CAUSEWAY CONSTRUCTION  
SUEZ CANAL, EGYPT

1. SIGNIFICANCE: EGYPTIAN CAUSEWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES. THE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE CAUSEWAY IS NOW CONFIRMED AS A CAUSEWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
2. REMARKS: BOTH THE CAUSEWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND THE POSSIBLE CAUSEWAY (NOW CONFIRMED) WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED ON
3. MISSION READOUT: ONE CAUSEWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS 5.7 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) NORTH OF ISMAILIA AT 30-39-55N 032-20-10E. EARTH FILL EXTENDED ONE-THIRD THE WIDTH OF THE CANAL FROM BOTH THE EAST AND WEST BANKS. FROM THE WEST BANK, THE CAUSEWAY WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED THROUGH AN EXISTING DEFENSIVE EARTHEN RAMPART. A PONTON BRIDGE SECTION WAS ADJACENT TO THE EARTH FILL ON THE WEST BANK. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED ON THE WEST BANK EXTENSION.

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THE NEWLY-CONFIRMED CAUSEWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS 4.8 NM NORTH OF ISMAILIA AT 30-39-10N 032-19-55E. IT ALSO WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED THROUGH AN EXISTING DEFENSIVE EARTHEN RAMPART ON THE WEST BANK. EARTH FILL EXTENDED ONE-THIRD THE WIDTH OF THE CANAL FROM BOTH THE EAST AND THE WEST BANKS. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST BANK EXTENSIONS.

BETWEEN THE TWO CONSTRUCTION SITES, DAMAGED SWING BRIDGE SECTIONS WERE OBSERVED. ADJACENT TO THESE SWING BRIDGE SECTION A PROBABLE POL PIPELINE EXTENDED ACROSS THE CANAL. AN EARTHEN RAMPART WAS ALSO OBSERVED AT THIS POINT ON THE WEST BANK. ON THE OPPOSITE BANK, TWO FORMER ISRAELI STRONGPOINTS WERE OBSERVED.

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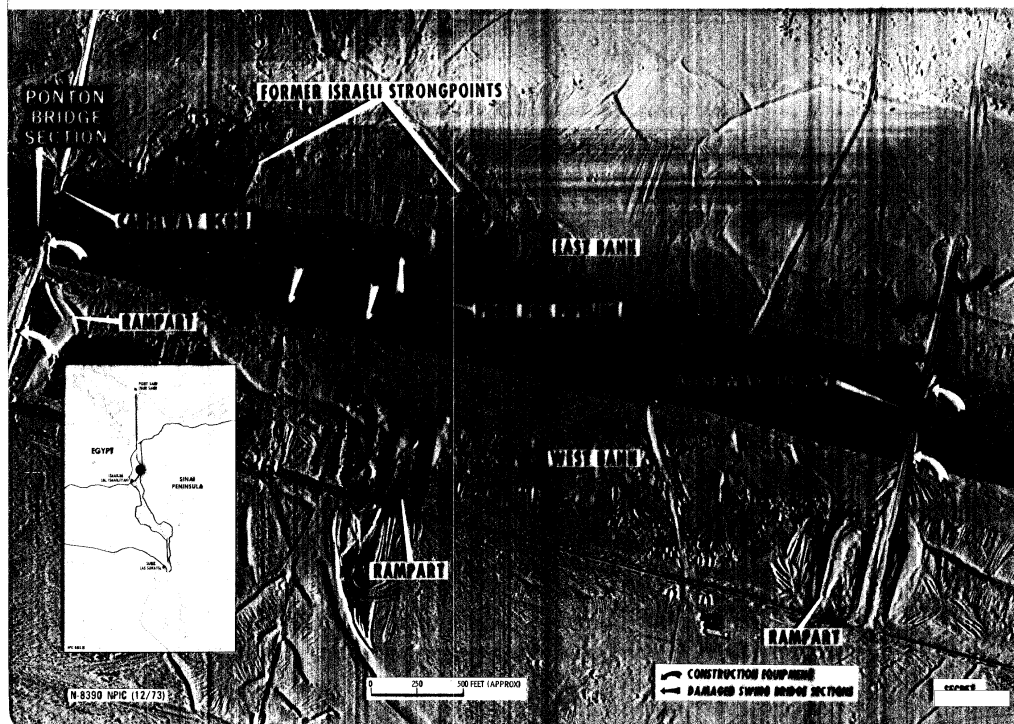
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SUZ CANAL, EGYPT  
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